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Dec 10, 1956

*attached*

The summary of propaganda directed against ~~all~~ <sup>Radio Free Europe,</sup>

the Voice of American, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> other organizations, ~~and at the notion of US~~ <sup>said to be</sup>

*instrument for maintenance of revolt in Hungary were selected from*  
complicity in the Hungarian revolt was drawn from FBIS reports of October 22-

December 5, 1956, including broadcasts from Greece, Turkey, Pakistan, India,

*Benelux*  
Scandinavia, West Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Portugal,

the USSR, East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Albania,

Yugoslavia, and Communist China.

*during this period*  
No instance was found where the Soviet line concerning Hungary was

repeated by any non-Communist country, or where ~~they had independently discussed~~ <sup>such countries as mentioned in USA</sup>

*underscored as limited as US can place it*  
the possible part played by RFE or the US in Hungarian events

(with the exception of the "Italian" Communist Home Service via Prague whose

statements were faithful to the accepted formula.)

*The basis of the attack on the US and its alleged involvement*  
Hungary (when the Kadar government was in/ <sup>control of the radio</sup>  
~~the~~ East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Bulgaria, and Albania all echoed the

statements made by Moscow (with exception that Czech radio was broadcasting a

similar line before Moscow began) Statements by the Yugoslavs and Poles reflected

their peculiar position with respect to the Hungarian affair. <sup>Hungarian</sup>

~~broadcasts themselves were~~

Communist China, taking note of the Hungarian rebellion well after it had begun,

~~was~~ staunchly supported the USSR and the Kadar government ~~in Hungary~~, but spoke

*the part played by*  
frequently of "mistakes" made by the previous regime which had a part in bringing  
*Communist Chinese broadcasts*  
~~on the revolt, and did not directly mention alleged US activities in bringing it~~

*about, mention PRC as the various evasive acts*  
*with respect to Hungary alleged by the USSR*  
*to have been committed by the US.*

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USSR on  
Hungary & RFE

32 items  
= USSR  
propaganda

(BB1, October 25)

Moscow broadcasts mentioned the Hungarian revolt on October 24/ (without

reference to any alleged Western incitement) but said that "By the end of the day

on Oct. 24 the enemy adventure was liquidated."

(This latter statement or its equivalent was made frequently thereafter by the USSR)

On October 25, in a broadcast to the Near East, Moscow mentioned the revolt and that "Propagandists" ~~tried....tried~~ tried to incite complete disorder", but again noted that "Before the end of the day yesterday....order was restored to Budapest." (BB1-2, October 29)

There ~~was still no~~ reference to were still no direct allegations of American complicity in the Hungarian affair on the 26th and 27th except that a broadcast directed at North American (BB17, 29 October) quoted Prague as ~~saying~~ observing unusual activity in Czechoslovakia on the part of "foreign intelligence services", "balloons with provocative literature having been sent up from American bases in West Germany. ~~Arrests and confessions in Czechoslovakia had eluded~~ "Rudolph Vit, J. Maly, and J. Garushchak", ~~all~~ all linked to US or British intelligence.

A full-scale indictment of the West for inciting the Hungarian rebels ~~appeared~~ <sup>on</sup> did not appear on Soviet radio until the 28th, ~~four days after~~ five days after the rebellion had begun and four after Czechoslovak radio had broadcast its first suggestion of outside aid to the rebels. (See Czech section below) The broadcast in question was directed to Europe (BB1-12, October 29) and consisted of the full text of a Pravda article entitled "The Suppression of an Antinational Adventure in Hungary."

This stated that:

- a. A "loyal" demonstration of Hungarian youth had been turned into an armed uprising
- b. This was consistent with official transatlantic statements exhorting revolution in the Satellites
- c. Congress had appropriated \$100,000,000 which had been used for propaganda and subversion

*quoted*  
d. US news reports (Frank Cyrus, UP) showed that the rebels were well armed and trained, obviously by plan and design

*It was for this reason in the end*  
e. The Hungarian army ~~thus~~ had to be used ~~to put down this attempt to~~ *against the rebels -*  
~~liquidate all that the Hungarian workers had won from the Hitlerites~~

*radio commentators the same day*  
Further commentary from Izvestia and by Anatoly Sherstyuk developed that

a. The revolt was not 'spontaneous' but resulted from an overseas plot

*for example*  
b. Gloating abroad was obvious; it was more than a coincidence that

Bela Varga forecast "the counterrevolutionary putsch in Hungary for ~~October 23~~

October 23, or that "a UP correspondent from Vienna" noted that as soon as trouble started "there emerged from the basements a fully prepared clandestine army"

c. The uprising was clearly the result of ~~the~~ a US "policy of cloak and dagger against the countries of the camp of socialism" including the Congressional

appropriations, the balloons and propaganda from RFE, and 'another novelty',  
"the so-called mail project", sending letter "to private persons residing in the People  
's Democracies" urging "unrest and armed mutinies."

d. All this made necessary assistance to the Hungarians by the Red  
*(such assistance being)*  
Army, ~~which was~~ particularly justifiable in view of the foreign nature of the  
revolutionary plot which ~~involved~~ *included tracing of* called for a ~~coup d'etat~~ *coup d'etat* by "espionage  
agents and subversive elements" ~~to be~~ in US schools supported by the aforementioned  
Congressional appropriation.

*Journal broadcasts of the 25th, The*  
setting the line in the Pravda article,  
~~after the 28th the USSR broadcast this same general line almost daily.~~  
*USSR followed followed it thereafter with*  
*variations, some of which are noted for*  
*chronological order) as follows:*  
(1) ~~A statement by Otto Grotewohl quoted by Moscow on the 28th that the~~ *as saying that the USSR*

United Press had sent a circular letter to its correspondents suggesting that they  
emphasize ~~strikes~~ 'disturbances' in East Germany in order to cause disorders similar  
to those in Hungary. (BB 19-20, October 30)

(2) ~~A statement that the "real aim" of the~~ *October 30*  
Western Powers" is proved by the New York Times which described tragic events in Hun-  
gary as reflecting the official foreign policy of the United States" (BB 11, October 31)  
(3) *as* "Interference in the domestic affairs of other countries and the crude  
trampling underfoot of their national sovereignty have for ~~some time~~ *now* been  
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guiding principles of US foreign policy and that of other Western Powers." This is proved by (among other things) a statement attributed to Senator Wiley in connection with the \$25 million supplementary appropriation that the law "presupposed an underground movement in those countries"; the <sup>alleged</sup> fact that the House of Representatives openly called for "'liberation' of the People's Democracies"; the "often-repeated" statements of Secretary Dulles including those in his recent speech in Texas calling for a change in the Hungarian government; <sup>and</sup> the analogy of Guatemala where the US is said to have overthrown the government of the "liberal bourgeois", Jacopo Arbenz. (BB 10-14, October 31)

November 2  
(9) <sup>1</sup> "Whole squadrons of aircraft are constantly leaving for Budapest, allegedly carrying medical supplies to Hungary" (according to the Austrian newspaper Oesterreichische Volksstimme), <sup>It was obvious, however, that</sup> ~~although observers could see for themselves~~ hundreds of military persons are being flown to Hungary, former officers of the Horthy army, Hungarian officers and soldiers who had served in the Hitlerite army." Also, trained agents, <sup>and radio broadcasting equipment</sup> ~~and~~ supplies were being parachuted from these same airplanes. This effort <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ directed from Salzburg where "it is no secret" that the "so-called 'Hungarian Chancellory' in Salzburg exists on American money." (BB 16-20, November 5, broadcasts of November

2)

*November 4*  
(5) ~~(C)~~ Transmitters in Gyor, Miskolc, and other towns were brought there by American agents from Salzburg in Austria." (BB 6, November 5, broadcast of November 4)

*November 5*  
(6) ~~(C)~~ The plot against Hungary is partly the work of "Nyilasists and Horthyite who had entrenched themselves in West Germany and Austria (and) acted with the lavish appropriations of the imperialists" (BB 10-11, November 5, broadcast of November(?)

[FBIS says October 7 4.

*Same day*  
(7) ~~(C)~~ "The Washington Post frankly announces the hopes of the imperialist circles that the victory of reaction in Hungary will radically change the balance of power in the world..." (Same, BB 12)

*November 8*  
(8) ~~(C)~~ The attempted coup was prepared "not long before the beginning of the rebellion in Budapest" by Ferenc Nagy, meeting in Munich with prominent Hungarian emigres (Zoltan Tildy, Bela Kovacs, and Count Esterhazy mentioned *in the broadcast*) Troops, equipment, arms, and propaganda material were then moved into Hungary, largely in Red Cross motor transport. (BB 4-6, November 9, Broadcast of November 8)

*November 9*  
(9) ~~(C)~~ ~~Atrocities~~ Atrocity propaganda was regularly played up on the general ground that the "imperialists" encouraged atrocities against Hungarian "workers" and ~~gloried in them.~~ ~~its~~ Life magazine is cited as having printed atrocity photographs with obvious sympathy for the cause of Freedom, "and others"



are charged with having encouraged atrocities. (BB 28-31, November 13, Broadcast of November 9)

November 10  
(10) #. Since responsibility for conditions in Hungary lies wholly with "international reaction", the USSR could not ignore Hungary's "Cry for Help."

(BB 32, November 13, Broadcast of November 10)

November 10  
(11) #. Such organization as RFE, <sup>and</sup> the "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity", are accused of crimes against humanity. (BB 33-34, November 13, Broadcast of November

10)

November 14  
12 #. The US does not even deny complicity in what has been fomented in Hungary; leaders like Senator Knowland at the UN have been openly encouraging Hungarians to fight against their government (BB 6-7, November 14, Bdcst of November 14)

November 11  
13 #. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee last May discussed "a so-called freedom administration" to "help create disturbances in the People's Democracies"; US "influential monopolistic circles" are patronizing such organizations as the "Union of American Hungarians", Hungarian National Committee, Confederation of Hungarian Fighters, and others. (BB 8-11 November 14, Bdcst of November 11.

14 #. The US has maintained a training center for detachments to be used in Eastern Europe at Fort Bragg, North Carolina (BB 8-9 same)

revolt was planned in and by the United States. (BB 9-11 same)

*November 11*  
16 p. Homer Bigart and Harr Schwartz and Barrett Maggurn are cited in showing that the US press sympathized with the counterrevolutionaries (BB 11-14 same)

*November 15*  
17 a. RFE directly incited atrocities; a Hungarian refugee said, "It was the big and strong America that pushed us i to this by its broadcasts" (BB19-20 November 15, Bdcst of November 15)

*November 15*  
18 a. (According to a Danish newspaper) RFE has a camouflaged headquarters in a private apartment ~~xxx~~ in Austria ~~xxx~~ near the Hungarian border where agents and 29 transmitters are directed. (BB20, November 15, Bdcst of the same)

*November 15*  
19 a. The Gehlen espionage organization in Germany participated in preparation for the revolt, allegedly according to the New York World Telegram and Sun (BB

Bdcst of November 18)

*November 27*  
20 a. That the US was directing an effort largely made up of "former German fascists, members of the SS, and the Gestapo" is indicated by the fact that this group ~~is~~ allegedly ~~shown to be in contact with~~ had its headquarters in the Hotel Regina in Vienna where the "chief of the Hungarian department of the American-controlled Radio Free Europe" also had his headquarters.

(BB 16-17, November 27, Bdcst of November 27)

*November 23*  
21. (in a broadcast purporting to describe RFE) "Present at the opening  
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of the station was Jackson, a US Government adviser on psychological warfare.

"Marie Dvorakova" and "Karel Kasal" are cited as giving testimony to the subversive nature of the RFD organization. (BB 19-21, November 27, Bdest of November 23)

*(November? - looking)*  
*22* "Today, even the bourgeois press in Western countries has been forced to admit the heavy responsibility of the American broadcasting station, Radio Free Europe, which, pursuing its own dark aims, has roused the population of Hungary to a counterrevolutionary movement" Other Western newspapers are cited ~~to~~ ~~this~~ on this point. (BB 22, November 26,

*November 24*  
*23* RFE's efforts have aroused indignation in Hungary; the Russian Evangelical Christian ~~XX~~ Baptists have protested RFE and called VOA "...the voice of Judas who betrayed Christ." (BB24-27, November 26, Bdest of November 24)

*November 26*  
*24* The US has been recruiting spies for RFE in German DP camps (BB 29-31, November 30, bdest of November 26)

*November 29*  
*25* *allegedly quoted* (In a story from a Roman newspaper) That an "American liaison officer who keeps in contact with underground groups in Hungary" said the US is trying to keep the Hungarian revolt (despite the number of victims) in progress as long as possible because "several thousand new victims in the long run is a modest price for

US [UN?] keeping the Hungarian question on the agenda of the ~~XX~~ General Assembly"

(BB 13, November 30, bdest of November 26)  
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*November 30*

*2. 26* Although the US righteously deplores the condition of the Hungarian refugees, it brought about their distress by encouraging them to leave the country."

(BB 13-18, November 30, bdcst of same)

*date*

27. A West German newspaper (Westdeutsches Tageblatt of Dortmund) has criticized the W. German government for permitting RFE to keep its license

*date*

28. Western Countries have been recruiting agents from among the Hungarian refugees, and RFE agents, disguised as reporters, have been ~~separating~~ intercepting individual refugees of particular interest to them and "taking them to their agencies" over the heads of the Austrian authorities."

*date*

29. The US, which is "weeping 'crocodile tears' " over the plight of Hungarian refugees, in fact plans to use them as "'special troops' to be trained as wreckers, murderers, and spies, and to be smuggled into Hungary to disturb the peaceful life there. Both Major General William Donovan and the Saturday Evening Post (May 12, 1956) have given testimony to this effect.

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HUNGARY

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Tab D ?

(in reaction to Hungary + RFE)

Budapest,  
Hungarian Home Service occasionally made use of the US-RFE incitement theme between November 20 and December 3, usually in connection with justifying the use of Soviet troops, ~~encouraging refugees to return~~ dissuading Hungarians from escaping to Austria, or encouraging refugees to return. On November 25, Budapest broadcast a speech by Janos Kadar who gave as his official opinion that the "counterrevolution" sprang from a plot hatched by the US. As evidence, Kadar cites an alleged statement by Allen Dulles to the effect that he had advance knowledge of the revolt. (FBIS 77-L (Sub for Item 62-L) 1900 11/25)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

(on Hungary = RFE)

The Czech radio <sup>against</sup> started attacks on RFE <sup>ahead</sup> before that of the USSR.

On ~~23~~ <sup>24</sup> October (Prague, Czech Home Service, 1850 GMT, HH 1-3 of 25 October)

Prague stated that "In Hungary there were attempts of provocateurs...to incite the Hungarian workers' class against the Party leadership..." It mentioned further: "Inciting Western radio transmitters made comments in connection with the events in Poland, and in the course of today in connection with the events in Hungary of the need to help those forces which wish to overthrow the people's democratic regimes in these countries." This broadcast also said: "...[Poland and Hungary] will never permit a realization of Dulles' aims..."; and in a later paragraph: "At present, commentaries are being broadcast from Munich's Free Europe and various other Western radio transmitters asserting that we in Czechoslovakia should also embark on the same line of developments which appeared in the 1st days in the countries of our neighbors."

(HH8-9, Oct 24-25)  
On 25 October, radio Prague said: "There is disillusionment in Western

reactionary circles. It is from there whence ~~ex~~ ~~all~~ came all ideas and the where-

withal to overthrow the socialist regimes in Hungary and Poland. For years, balloons

have been launched with leaflets. Over the air and into all the People's democracies travel hatred and anger against the rule of those countries by their own people

Anti-Soviet baiting and nationalistic riots which in Hungary led to bloodshed, bear the indelible trademark: "Made in the centers of Western reaction."

The broadcast goes on to mention the influence of "millionaires' circles" in the US and to note the initial reaction of the President and <sup>Secretary</sup> Dulles to the revolt.

October 30

(HH 3-5, October 30)

^ The Prague broadcast of the next day ~~continues this last theme; and~~ directly

accused RFE and VOA, and introduced the story of the \$100 million "Kersten Act" said to have been ~~introduced~~ "announced" in Congress by "Senator Smith," along with that of the \$25 million additional said to have been appropriated later. This broadcast, to which was added an editorial from Rude Pravo contained a routine attack on the "poison" contained in RFE radio and balloon propaganda and the subversion of which RFE was said to be guilty.

(HH 3-4, October 29)

On October 28, Prague paid particular attention to Secretary Dulles who is said to have admitted by implication that ~~the~~ "disintegration of the camp of socialism" and "isolation of the USSR" through use of VOA and RFE, was part of a scheme to which Dulles was a party.

On October 30, Prague broadcast a Rude Pravo editorial dealing largely with alleged atrocities committed in Buda Pest, which suggested that since the ~~West~~

was ~~"the real target"~~

"people of the West were the real originators and organizers of the coup and who are spending millions of dollars on agents, diversionists, and leaflets," it is "unprecedented affrontery" and "hypocrisy" that they "are now complaining ~~of~~ about 'illegal ~~S~~ Soviet intervention." On the same day, a broadcast mentioned several Fascists said to ~~have been discovered to be friends~~ ben eddorsing the uprising: "high officers of the former Horthy army"; Admiral Horthy's son, Franco, Chiang Kai-Shek and ~~American~~ representatives of American, British, and French reactionary circles.

October 31  
A "situation in Hungary" broadcast on the 31st (HH 6, October 31) spoke of an "American Secret service" training school in ~~St~~ Aspern; and 'free transmitters' brought into Hungary by "such a discredited transmitter as 'Free Europe'". Evidence of US participation is mentioned here in the form of "motorcars belonging to American military personnel in Germany [seen] arriving in Hungary and returning after a few hours."

Two ~~other~~ statements were noted in Czechoslovak broadcasts after October 31

(Prague, Czech Home Service 11/10/56, HH4, November 1)  
: one/having to do with a Czech named Arnost Brant arrested for distributing

"fascist" leaflets who admitted that he was "inspired by the bestial raging of fascist elements in Hungary; the other (Prague, 14 November, HH 1-3, November 15) deriding "Free Europe" for having lost face and "become hysterical in the face of the united socialist front of our people."



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Tab D?

EAST GERMANY

(on Hungary + RFE)

East German radio first mentioned the Hungarian revolt on October 25.

Takin the ~~line~~ usual line that this was a fascist counterrevolution, it ~~undertook~~ provided what seems intended as an ~~to~~ answer an editorial in the West Berlin Telegraf to the effect that "interested quarters" had deliberately fomented the rebellion "in order to create a welcome opportunity for military intervention."

Its broadcasts of November 2, 13, and 14 contained most of the Soviet allegations about US complicity in the revolt, including also a quotation from James Burnham's book, "Overcoming Soviet Imperialism", and a statement that the US was "the main enemy of the free world."

YUGOSLAVIA

(on Hungary + RFE)

A conservative view was taken by Belgrade in its broadcast of November 4 which discussed the situation in Hungary. In developing the theme that the revolt against Rakosi and Gero was <sup>to some extent</sup> justified, this broadcast said:

"Certain forces outside Hungary, especially the reactionary elements in emigration presented by Ferenc Nagy and others who have already started moving in Hungary, obviously contributed to this turn of events. Any further strengthening of all these phenomena would be dangerous from the standpoint of the development of progressive forces in Hungary....."

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RUMANIA

(on Hungary + RFE)

Bucharest roadcasts contain occasional attacks ~~on~~ along the standard Communist line, emphasizing the desire of rich Hungarians and Americans again to enslave Hungary, and also if possible, Rumania.

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POLAND

(on Hungary - RFF)

Although Polish broadcasts after October 23 mention RFE and the VOA, the only reference <sup>to them</sup> bearing on Hungary, <sup>possibly</sup> ~~in connection with these~~ was made by PEPR First Secretary Gomulka who said: "It is significant that the Soviet intervention in Hungary is opposed most loudly by those political circles which always base their policy and their hopes on external intervention---but from the other side. It is these quarters who by their radio propaganda, by promising so-called help in liberation, i cited hostile elements in Hungary and bear considerable responsibility for the blood shed on Hungarian soil...."

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COMMUNIST CHINA

(on Hungary & RFE)

No mention of the Hungarian revolt was observed in Chinese Communist broad-  
casts until November 1 when the Chinese press was <sup>quoted</sup> ~~said to be quoting~~ a Soviet declaration  
regarding Soviet "withdrawal" of troops from Budapest. (AAA 5, November 1) ~~next~~

The theme appeared again in a broadcast of November 2 from Peking (editorial  
from the Peking People's Daily) which said that (a) "The counterrevolutionary schemes of  
the imperialist element and Hungarian traitors have been thoroughly smashed; (b)  
this has made the lately joyous "imperialist elements" furious; and (c) former  
Hungarian government leaders had made mistakes which would have to be corrected.  
(AAA 1-3, November 6)

A broadcast of November 13 from Peking (editorial in the People's Daily)  
after pointing out the necessity of Soviet intervention noted that "The action to  
restore fascism by arms was not a 'spontaneous' mass action, but one imposed  
on the Hungarian people by a gang of conspirators instigated by the United States  
and other Western countries." <sup>(Franklyn, re. above)</sup> ~~next~~ Reference to "the UP reporter in Vienna" is  
made for verification.

Other broadcasts continued these themes, but in no observed instance ~~were~~ was there  
mention of  
/RFE or any other US organization attacked by Moscow.